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9.	Buddhist Remains at Salihundam, Distt. Srikakulam	Construction of S.C. Girls hostel building within the protected area by State Government in 1997.	The construction has been stopped and the District Collector has been approached for demolition of the structure.
10.	Mukhalingeswara group of temples, Srimukhalingam, Distt. Srikakulam	Modern constructions around the Mukhalingeswara temple.	The District Collector has agreed to provide alternate accommodation to the encroachers. All the encroachers were shifted to the new place.

Protection and preservation of historical and religious places

750. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of newspaper reports of sale of historical fort Underi in District Raiged, Maharashtra built by Shivaji Maharaj to a private builder.

(b) if so, what is Government's response thereto and what steps the Archaeology Department propose to protect and preserve all the historical and religious places in the country so that, these places are not sold to any private party; and

(c) Whether the Central Government propose to ask the State Government of Maharashtra, to take strict action against all the concerned revenue officers responsible therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) Underi Fort is not protected either by the Central Government or State Government of Maharashtra. The land at Survey No. 302, area 1-21-0 of Underi Fort belonging to a group of six individuals was sold to one Shri Ramesh Hiralal Kundalmal, a promoter of Dolphin Stone Crest Estate Pvt. Ltd. for an amount of Rs. 2 crores and a sale agreement was entered into on 26th January, 2006. This was registered *vide* No. 1451/2006 on 16.5.2006. The State Government under Section 155 of the Maharashtra State Revenue Act has initiated action against the sale and the land is now recorded in the name of State Government. Two officials of the Revenue Department of Government of Maharashtra have been suspended for their involvement in the registration, and action has been

initiated by the Government of Maharashtra to protect the Underi Fort under the State legislation.

Merger between private banks and NBFCs

751. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has come out with guidelines on mergers and amalgamations between private sector banks and Non-Banking Finanace Companies (NBFCs);

(b) if so, the areas and the guidelines thereof;

(c) whether the RBI has examined the issue of smooth flow of bank finance to NBFCs; and

(d) if so, the extent to which it would be helpful for private sector banks and Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued guidelines or merger/amalgamation between two banking companies or between a banking company and a non-banking financial company on 11.05.2005 laying down, *inter-alia*, the process of merger proposal, determination of swap ratios, disclosures, the stages at which the Boards will get involved in the merger process, etc. These guidelines are available on RBI website *www.rbi.org.in.*

(c) and (d) RBI has been reviewing its guidelines on financing of NBFCs by banks from time to time. In terms of RBI Master Circular dated 1st July, 2006, except for a negative list of activities which are not eligible for bank finance, the bank finance is permissible to different classes of NBFCs and banks may formulate their own policies in this regard.

Flouting of rules by banking finance companies

†752. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether banking finance companies in the country are

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.